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Extract of a Private Letter.

Hague, August 5, 1744.

Find I have Leisure enough to finish, this Afternoon, the Account I began in the Morning, of the Discoveries that have been made, in Consequence of an Enquiry into the Conduct of the Government of Ypres, during the late Siege. It is amazing to consider the strange Stories



the French told us in all their Relations, of the Bravery of their Soldiers, and of their gallant Behaviour while they lay before that Place; whereas, in plain Truth, there never was a more wretched Body of Soldiers dragged together upon the Face of the Earth. Sixty Dutch Soldiers drove a Hundred of their Grenadiers from an entrenched Post; and when it was to be recovered, they were forced to send a Party of five in the Rear of the Foot, who attack'd us, in order to keep them to their Duty, by pricking them with their Swords. It is however admitted, that the French Officers behaved exceedingly well; which was more remarkable, because many of them were perfect Boys.

It was this remarkable Cowardice in the French, that induced the Garrison to commit as great an Error on the other Side; which was, resolving to sustain an attack in the cover'd Way, tho' defended only by Palisades. This happened in the Night, between the 14th and 15th of June, when the Besieged had but 200 Men in that Post; who, after sustaining a prodigious Shower of Bombs and Hand Grenades, were attack'd on all Sides by 4000 Men. One Part of the cover'd Way they carried after a very faint Resistance; and there they made two Captains, a Lieutenant, and 100 private Men Prisoners; which, however, had little Effect upon the rest, that they seemed to be rendered more obstinate by it; and when, by repeated reinforcements sent to the French Troops, they were driven from the cover'd Way, they retir'd only into the next Posts; where, tho' they were sustained lately by 200 Men, it cost the French some Thousands; and, for all, they were forced to be content with their Conquest, not being able to dislodge them. When I take this Fault, I would be understood, of the Fecundity of the Garrison; for if the Place had been properly Mann'd, it had been, in all Respects, a most glorious Action. As it was, nothing but the Intrepidity of some of the French Officers, of the highest Rank, could have obliged their Men to do what they did; and take it all together, I doubt, whether there ever was so many Officers kill'd in such a Piece of Service. But I come now to a Blunder in the Defence, which scarce admits of any Excuse. This was occasioned by Report of some Engineers, which could be dictated to them only by their Fear; who assured his Highness, that the Works of the Lower Town were no longer defensible, but were every Moment liable to be taken by Assault; upon which they were abandoned, tho' they were then in a very tolerable State, as having a full of Water before them, which the Enemy did not so much as attempt to fill up. It was this tolerable Mistake, added to those before-mentioned, that obliged them to give up the Place the very Day that the French took Possession of the Lower Town; and since there was then only one Rampart, and that in a very bad Condition, to cover them; and that, at the Attack of St. Barbe, being already taken, the Place must have been taken by Assault, as was the Breach was made.

We are extremely well satisfied with the Behaviour of the Regiment of Constance; the Colonel, Officers, and Soldiers of which, did their Duty in a Manner altogether unexceptionable. In the whole Garrison there were but 60 Men kill'd; and 100 wounded; of whom I had lost either a Leg or an Arm; of the Officers, there were two only kill'd; Capt. Cugny and Mr. Seignier, and one wounded. The French made about 300 Prisoners, of whom only one could be prevailed on to desert to their Troops. This Piece cost the Besiegers near 1000 Men. There was one Thing extremely singular in this Affair, which was this; that not one of the French's Ad du Camps appear'd on any Occasion, except that of hoisting the White Flag.

Fort Knock surrender'd after sustaining, for the Space of 14 Hours, the Fire of 22 Pieces of Cannon, and 16 Mortars, which was more than sufficient to reduce that little Fort to Ruins; the sole Defence of

which consisted in letting down the Waters by the sluices of Nieupoort, which the Count of Brulle's would not permit, out of pure Tenderness for a Country that was already in the Hands of the French. The Garrison of Fort Knock consisted of a Captain, three Subaltern Officers, and 100 Men, of whom there was only one kill'd, and not one wounded. The French lost about 34 Men in the Siege of this inconsiderable Place. It is computed, that there were upwards of 200 Bombs thrown into Fort Knock, and above 6000 into the Town of Ypres. I am, &c.

HOME PORTS.

Liverpool, July 29. Arriv'd the Smith, Ward, the Ellis and Anne, Loxim, the Everon, Thornton, the True Briton, Kelly, and the Nonfuch, Edmundson, all from Virginia; and the Content, Cooper, from Jamaica.

Newcastle, July 28. Arriv'd the Mary and Maria, Alboston, the —, Rennson, and the Three Brothers, Dockus, from Norway. Also several Indep, and 65 light Goats.

Weymouth, July 30. Wind W. by S. Yesterday arriv'd here the Success, Pearce, and the Two Brothers, Weldon, both from Newcastle. There is now, about five Leagues off of Portland, plying to the Westward, 20 Sail of large Ships, suppos'd to be the Fleet from Spithead.

Southampton July 30. Wind N. W. Yesterday sail'd hence the Francis, Phillips, of and for Jersey; and the Friendships Delight, —, of and for Guernsey, both from Newcastle.

Deal, July 31. Wind N. W. Remains in the Downs his Majesty's Ships Lenox, Shoreham, Phenix, and Wolf Sloop; the three Dutch Men of War, the Rushour Privateer, the William and Elizabeth, Holland, from Newcastle for Portsmouth, and the Anne, Milburn, from ditto.

Arrived at several Ports.

At Virginia, the Lilly, Baylis, the Bog's, Simms, and the Elizabeth, Gies, all from Glasgow.

At Barbados, the Brooke, Doran, the Jamaica Merchant, Nickols, and the Morecraft, Batty, all from Africa.

At Whitehaven, the —, Copeland, from Virginia, in five Weeks and three Days; the following Ships came out in Company with them, viz. the Duke of Argyle, Ludlow, the York, Saunders, the Martin, Dale, and the William, Sample, all for Bristol. They parted Company the 16th of July, 200 Leagues West of Ireland. The Eagle, Blandy, and the Marlborough, Cole, for London, parted the 21st of July, 75 Leagues West of Ireland. The Raven, Waters, and the Pearce, Hopkins, for Bideford, parted the 21st of June, thirty Leagues to the Eastward of Virginia.

At Lancaster, the Industry, Colnson, from Antigua. At Cowes, the Delaware, Rivers, from Carolina and Philadelphia.

L O N D O N.

His Serene Highness Prince Lobkowitz, his remonstrated to the Court of Vienna, that Cardinal Aiani and Mr. Taun had deceived the Ministry and himself, by the Accounts they gave of the Disaffection of the People of the Kingdom of Naples to the present Government; which has been found true only of the Mob.

According to the last Advices from Turin, his Sardinian Majesty was drawing together all his Forces, in order to give the French Battle, as soon as they enter the Plain Country.

Some private Letters from Paris say, that a Declaration of War against the States has been actually drawn by the Ministry, and sent to his most Christian Majesty at Metz.

The John and Mary, Hubbard, lately carried into Bilbao, sail'd from St. Christopher's for London the 14th of May, in Company with the Sophia, Morris, which Ship, on the 17th, lost her Main-Topmast, and went back again to sea.

A British Vessel, bound from St. Eustatia to Holland, has been sent into Bona since the John and Mary.

Mr. Brown, formerly a Merchant at Newcastle, who had been roasting for a considerable Time here in Newgate, for not having surrendered himself to the Commissioners, in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against him; and was thence removed by Habeas Corpus to Newcastle, was try'd there at the Assizes last Week, and acquitted.

The Assizes at Durham ended last Week, when Roger Ferguson and Thomas Mills, for Horse-stealing, James Wetherell and James Williamson, for Sheep-stealing, re-

ceiv'd Sentence of Death; but were all reprie'd before, the Judge left that City.

Yesterday Mr. Dogget's Coat and Badge were row'd for, from the Old Swan to the White Swan at Chelsea, by six Watermen who came out of their Apprenticeships this Year, and was won by John Pokon, who ples at the Old Swan.

Last Tuesday Evening his Excellency the Earl of Holderness, his Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Venice, gave a grand Supper on board the Mary Yacht, lying at Greenwich, to divers Persons of Distinction of both Sexes; who then took their Leaves of his Excellency and his Lady.

And Yesterday Morning the Yacht sail'd for Holland.

His Majesty's Ship the Shrewsbury, now lying at Deptford, Capt. Solomon Gideon Commander, is ordered to be Mann'd and Victuall'd at that Place, with all Expedition.

Yesterday the Right Hon. the Lord Chief Justice Willes, set out for his Seat at Astrop, in Northamptonshire.

Last Monday an unfortunate Accident happened to a Waggoner, Servant to Farmer Meers, in Tottill-Fields, Westminster, who was carrying some Furniture belonging to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, from his Seat at Epsom to Chisden; who walking by the Side of the Waggon, accidentally slip'd down, when the Wheel went over his Head, and kill'd him on the Spot.

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4 — 5000	—	—	20,000
5 — 1000	—	—	10,000
11 — 500	—	—	10,000
25 — 100	—	—	10,000
199 — 50	—	—	10,000
404 — 20	—	—	10,000
912 — 10	—	—	10,000
9700 Prizes, amounting to	—	—	997,180
First Drawn	—	—	500
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